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| <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b><br><b>For FY 2005</b>                                   |  | <b>Complete If Known</b> |                          |
|  |  | Application Number       | 10/706,202               |
|  |  | Filing Date              | November 12, 2003        |
|  |  | First Named Inventor     | Rafael L. Espinoza et al |
|  |  | Examiner Name            | Jafar F. Parsa           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 |  | Art Unit                 | 1621                     |
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|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fees Paid (\$) |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

| Fee Description                                    | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)            | 50       | 25                    |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims                          | 360      | 180                   |

| Total Claims  | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Multiple Dependent Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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- Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) - 1 page
- Petition for Extension of Time (PTO/SB/23) - 2 pages (including duplicate)
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